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In Re Utility Application Of: WILLIAM B. SYKES, SR.

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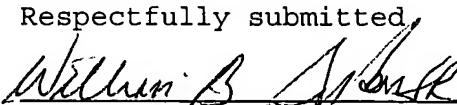
**PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)**

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Sir:

I hereby petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to make this application special and advance it out of turn for examination under 37 CFR 1.102(c) due to my age. I am over 65 years of age.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,  
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